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SUBJECT: MARKET FOR U.S. PLASTICS INDUSTRY PRODUCTS IN LIBERIA

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1. REGARDING REFTTEL, THERE IS NO PLASTICS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY IN LIBERIA.

2. LIBERIA INDUSTRIAL FREE ZONE AUTHORITY (LIFZA) WAS ESTABLISHED ON JULY 9, 1975 AND VARIOUS TAX AND FINANCIAL INCENTIVES ARE OFFERED TO FIRMS WHICH WISH TO ESTABLISH MANUFACTURING FACILITIES WITHIN FREE ZONE. PLASTICS INDUSTRY IS SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED, AMONG OTHERS, AS INDUSTRY ADMISSIBLE TO LIFZA. EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF LIFZA IS ACTIVELY SEEKING MANUFACTURERS TO INVEST WITHIN FREE ZONE. FORTY-FIVE COPIES LIFZA LITERATURE BEING POUCHED TO USDOC/OIM/AF.

3. FUTURE MARKET FOR PLASTICS MANUFACTURING AND PROCESSING EQUIPMENT DEPENDS, OF COURSE, UPON HOW ATTRACTIVE POTENTIAL INVESTORS FIND LIBERIA AS BASE FOR MANUFACTURING. LOCAL MARKET IS SMALL (SEE MONROVIA A-08, "MARKET FOR CONSUMER GOODS TO LIBERIA"), BUT ADDITIONAL INCENTIVE OF LIBERIA AS EXPORT BASE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED.

4. COMMATT WELCOMES NOTICE FROM MEMBERS OF PLASTICS INDUSTRY
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TRADE ASSOCIATION WHO ARE SEEKING JOINT VENTURE PARTNERS IN LIBERIA. IF MEMBER DEEMS APPROPRIATE, WILL PUBLISH INTEREST IN EMBASSY'S QUARTERLY COMMERCIAL NEWSLETTER. SUGGEST ALSO THAT PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS CONTACT LIFZA DIRECTLY:

THE GENERAL MANAGER

LIBERIA INDUSTRIAL FREE ZONE AUTHORITY

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